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Chapter 11. Protection and Regulation of State Department of Health Property

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Security force; appointment, duties, conduct, and vehicles

Sec. 1. (a) The state health commissioner and the superintendents of the special institutions operated by the state department may appoint security officers for the properties owned or operated by the state department and the special institutions.

(b) The state health commissioner and the superintendents of the special institutions, with the concurrence of the state health commissioner, shall:

- (1) prescribe the duties of;
- (2) direct the conduct of;
- (3) prescribe distinctive uniforms for; and
- (4) designate emergency vehicles for use by;

the security force.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.2.

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Powers of security officers

Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), security officers appointed under this chapter have general police powers, including the power to arrest, without process, all persons who within the view of the security officers commit any offense. The security officers have the same common law and statutory powers, privileges, and immunities as sheriffs and constables.

(b) Security officers appointed under this chapter may serve civil process only to the extent authorized by the appointing authority. In addition, security officers are denied those powers expressly forbidden to security officers by the appointing authority.

(c) In addition to any other powers or duties, the security officers have the duty to enforce, and to assist the officials of the state department or special institution in the enforcement of, the rules of the state department or special institution, and to assist and cooperate with other law enforcement agencies and officers.

(d) The security officers may exercise the powers granted under this section only upon any real property owned or occupied by the state department or special institutions, including the streets passing through and adjacent to those properties. Additional jurisdiction may be established by agreement with the chief of police of the municipality, sheriff of the county, or the appropriate law enforcement agency where the property is located depending upon the jurisdiction involved.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.2.

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Traffic and parking regulations

Sec. 3. (a) The state health commissioner may regulate the traffic

and parking of motor vehicles, bicycles, or other vehicles, as well as the traffic of pedestrians, on, over, and across the streets, roads, paths, and grounds of real property owned, used, occupied, or controlled by the state department or special institution. The rules applicable to traffic and parking may include the following provisions:

(1) Provisions governing the registration, speed, operation, parking, and times, places, and manner of use of motor vehicles, bicycles, and other vehicles.

(2) Provisions prescribing penalties for the violation of rules, including the following:

(A) The imposition of reasonable charges, the removing and impounding (at the expense of the violator) of vehicles that are operated or parked in violation of the rules.

(B) The denial of permission to operate vehicles on the property of the state department or special institution.

(3) Provisions establishing reasonable charges and fees for the registration of vehicles and for the use of parking spaces or facilities owned or occupied by the state department or special institution.

(b) This section does not limit or restrict the powers of any other governmental authority having jurisdiction over public streets, roads, alleys, or ways.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.2.

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Assistance of law enforcement officers; powers of assisting officers

Sec. 4. The state health commissioner may empower one (1) or more officials of the board of any of the special institutions to request the assistance of law enforcement officers of the state, counties, cities, or towns, when it appears necessary to do so. When a law enforcement officer is on the property of the state department or special institution by virtue of a request, the law enforcement officer has all powers conferred by this chapter upon the security officers appointed under this chapter in addition to the powers otherwise conferred upon law enforcement officers.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.2.